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In re Patent Application of:

Curtis T. COMBAR et al.

Application No. 09/159,404

Filed: September 24, 1998

For: INTEGRATED PROXY INTERFACE
FOR WEB BASED DATA
MANAGEMENT REPORTS

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AMENDMENT

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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In response to the Office Action dated March 11, 2003, reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 1-19 are pending.

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Hayes for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative, Mr. Jason Vick, during the recent telephone interviews.

The Office Action objects to the specification for a number of informalities. In relation to these informalities, Applicant is currently reviewing the best approach to have this subject matter included in the specification. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this objection be held in abeyance until the indication of allowable subject matter.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-4, 7-17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Chang in view of O'Reilly. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, said request message comprising a metadata description of particular reporting items to be retrieved, said metadata description of particular reporting items being verified and forwarded to said retrieval device, and said retrieving device obtaining customer specific data in accordance with the metadata request, whereby said customer-specific retrieved data and said metadata